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28 OCT 1978

DEAR JACK –

GREETINGS FROM THE LAND OF SUNSHINE, HOT WEATHER AND NEMATODES. PLEASE OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT THIS IS NOT TYPED – MY SECRETARY IS TEMPORARILY OUT. AS YOU CAN SEE I AM NOW A RESIDENT OF FLORIDA. PHYLLIS AND I MOVED HERE IN JULY OF '77, TO ONE OF THE SMALL TOWNS ON THE SPIT OF SAND SOUTH OF CAPE CANAVERAL – KENNEDY SPACE CENTER. OUR TOWN IS OPPOSITE TO MELBOURNE ON THE MAINLAND. WE HAVE 1700 REGISTERED VOTERS AND OCCUPY ONE SQUARE MILE – 1/2 MILE WIDE X 2 MILES LONG. OUR HOUSE IS 1 1/2 BLOCKS FROM THE INDIAN RIVER AND 3 1/2 BLOCKS FROM THE OCEAN, HENCE THE NAME INDIALANTIC – BY – THE SEA.

I LIKE IT VERY MUCH DOWN HERE, BUT PHYLLIS DOESN'T. SHE MISSES HER CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND FRIENDS FROM THE WASHINGTON AREA, AND FOUND THE HEAT OF THE SUMMER HARD TO TAKE. SHE ALSO MISSES THE CHANGING SEASONS, THE COLORS IN THE FALL, AND FEELS THAT THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS ARE [illegible]

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SAME. I ENJOY THE FISHING IN BOTH THE INDIAN RIVER (SALT WATER) AND THE OCEAN. I ALSO DON'T MISS THAT COLD WHITE STUFF OR THE DRIVING MESS IN WASHINGTON. HERE I CAN GET TO ANY PLACE I WANT TO BE IN 15-20 MINUTES. EVEN IN THE TOURIST SEASON (FEB, MARCH), TRAFFIC IS A BREEZE.

MY IMMEDIATE PURPOSE IN WRITING IS TO ENQUIRE WHETHER THE AGENCY SEES ANY PROBLEM IN MY GIVING A TALK, POSSIBLY TWO, ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN CIA. I HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY TWO GROUPS TO GIVE SUCH A TALK, ONE IS A PHYSICS SEMINAR GROUP AT A LOCAL MELBOURNE, FLA SCHOOL, FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. THE OTHER IS AN ALUMNI GROUP AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST LOUIS, WHERE I WAS ON THE STAFF FROM 1946-1955. BOTH GROUPS SEEM TO FEEL THAT SUCH A TALK COULD BE A BOAST TO THE AGENCY.

I PROPOSE TO COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS, AVOIDING SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS AND SPECIFIC NUMBERS OF

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S & T PERSONNEL:

- HOW CIA RECRUITS SCIENTISTS + ENGINEERS
- LEVELS OF TRAINING + KINDS OF BACKGROUNDS DESIRED
- IN GENERAL, KINDS OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY S+T PERSONNEL
- ABSENCE OF LABORATORIES
- EXTERNAL CONTRACTING SUPPORT
- PANELS, CONSULTANTS
- KINDS OF REPORTING, SUPPORT OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
- RELATIONSHIP OF CIA S+T PERSONNEL TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, DOD, NSF, VARIOUS LABORATORIES

I HAVEN'T AS YET PROMISED EITHER GROUP I WOULD GIVE SUCH A TALK, AND BOTH APPROACHES WERE QUITE TENTATIVE. IF YOU SEE ANY PROBLEM, DON'T HESITATE TO SAY SO. I HOPE YOU ARE STILL YOUR USUAL PERKY SELF. I [illegible] SUNDAY'S TV APPEARANCE. BEST REGARDS.

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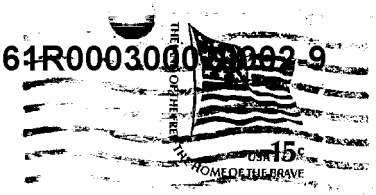

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)
Letter From [redacted]

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FROM:	EXTENSION	NO. DDA 78-4185 25X1A
Michael J. Malanick Acting Deputy Director for Administration		DATE

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. Deputy Director for Science & Technology FX 6 green			LD	Les:
2. ADDA				Attachment forwarded following your conversation with Jack. I am preparing, in Jack's behalf, a letter of acknowledgement to Don on the asumption that you have no problem with what he proposes to do. Let me know. [redacted]
3.				25X1A
4.				Michael J. Malanick Acting Deputy Director for Administration
5.				
6.				
7.				Att
8.				Mike,
9.				As I mentioned to you on the phone late last week, I can see no problem with Don proceeding as he indicates in his note. I think Don is a totally responsible individual and would cause us no difficulties by way of overstepping proper and appropriate bounds.
10.				
11.				
12.				I assume you checked this with [redacted] 25X1A
13.				
14.				Les Dirks
15.				

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no problem w/ [redacted]

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